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(CSD)--PROGRAM OBJECTIVES FOR MEDIUM-TERM,

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1. CSD CONTINUED DISCUSSION PROGRAM OBJECTIVES PARTS I AND II, HEARD STATEMENTS FROM FINLAND, UK, US, EGYPT, ITALY, NIGERIA, FRANCE AND CONCLUDED WITH CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST TO SECT (HOWARD) TO PREPARE A DRAFT NOTE SUMMARIZING DEBATE FOR COMMISSION REVIEW.

2. FINLAND (FUROLO) IN OPENING STATEMENT, REFERRING TO PREVIOUS DAY'S DEABTE ON "WELFARE" VERSUS "DEVELOPMENT," OUTLINED HIS CONCEPTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE. HE USED TERM TO REFER TO TOTAL RESOURCES, PROGRAM BENEFITS. HE FOUND CONFUSING COMMISSION MEMBERS' STATEMENTS SEPARATING SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. UK (PROSSER) EXPLAINED DIFFERENT USE OF TERM WELFARE IN UK. IT COULD BE USED EITHER NARROWLY TO MEAN LIMITED RANGE OF REMEDIAL AND PREVENTION SERVICES OR BROADLY WITHIN DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT, ASNVYNAMIC PROGRAM, INVOLVING PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. HE AGAIN SPOKE OF NEED FOR COMMISSION TO FOCUS ON TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND NOTED THAT HAVING TWO CENTERS IN SECT THAT DEAL WITH COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES DID NOT FACILITATE AN INTEGRATED APPRAOCH. URGED ATTENTION TO STRENGTHENING PLANNING CAPABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND

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STATES THAT RESEARCH PLANS SHOULD FOCUS ON COLLECTION OF ESSEN-

TIAL DATA ONLY, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A POLICY OF "SOPHISTICATED SIMPLICITY." EGYPT (KHALIFA) REFERRED TO HIS FIRST INTERVENTION ON PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT DIVIDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOCIAL POLICY AND OTHER ASPECTS UN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE TWO CENTERS. LAUNCHED INTO KNOWLEDGEABLE DISCUSSION OF TYPES OF SOCIAL RESERACH THAT ARE USEFUL IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, CITING HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING USEFUL DATA ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AS WELL AS PATTERNS OF LIVING. DATA ARE NEEDED TO MEASURE CHANGE IN LEVELS OF LIVING AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS. USSR REITERATED NEED FOR COMMISSION TO EMPHASIZE BASIC SOCIAL REFORMS AS DIRECTED BY GA AND ECOSOC.

3. US REP (PICKER) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FORMAT AND STYLE OF MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAM AS PRESENTED BY MOSAK AND HOWARD. INITIAL US REACTION PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS TOO MEAGURE US SUPPORTED RESEARCH ON SOCIAL INDICATORS AND HAD ALREADY MADE CLEAR IN PREVIOUS INTERVENTIONS THAT PROGRAM SHOULD NOW FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION. SHE REITERATED POINT THAT USE OF STUDIES AND SURVEYS LOST UNLESS FINDINGS APPLIED AND INTEGRATED INTO ACTION PROGRAM. RESOURCES FOR FOLLOW-UP IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION MIGHT BE FOUND THROUGH UNDP OR PICKED UP IN COUNTRY PROGRAMING. DEVELOPMENT CAN BE ADVANCED AT THIS STAGE BY EMPHASIS ON OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS. REFERRING TO SYG NOTE ON EXPERT GROUP REPORTS ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY PLANNING, AGING, FAMILY PLANNING, US FOUND THESE REPORTS USEFUL DOCUMENTS AS GUIDANCE TO GOVERNMENTS AND ENDORSED REPORTS' RECOMMENDATIONS. OTHER SPEAKERS JOINED TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICAL USE OF NUMEROUS STUDIES AND GUIDELINES.

4. CHAIRMAN NOTED COMMISSION CERN WITH KEY SOCIAL PROBLEMS: POVERTY, IMPACT OF INFLATION ON POOR FAMILIES, INCOME DISTRIBUTION, INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT. THE "HUMAN FACTOR" IN DEVELOPMENT WAS AN OVERRIDING CONCERN TO MEMBERS AND MUST BE EXAMINED IN THE DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT. PLANNING FOR VULNERRRBLE GROUPS, SPECIAL TARGET POPULATIONS SHOULD BE INTEGRATED IN OVERALL PLANS. HE RECOMMENDED THAT A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN LINES OF COMMISSION'S VIEWS BE DRAFTED AND PUT BEFORE COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL. THESE COMMENTS WOULD GO FORWARD TO THE ECOSOC AND OTHER REVIEWING BODIES.

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5. SPAIN, OBSERVER IN CSD, PRESENTED PROPOSAL FOR HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON SOCIAL WELFARE AS PART OF EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. THIS WOULD BE A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF SUCH MINISTERS MEETINGS (FIRST HELD AT THE HAGUE IN AUGUST 1972). THERE WOULD BE THE THIRD AGE (THE GOLDEN AGE OF AGING). SPAIN WOULD HOST THE CONFERENCE AND MEET MOST CONFERENCE COSTS.

(CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GENEROUS OFFER OF SPAIN.)

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